

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.	:	10/698,087	Confirmation No.:	1016
Applicant	:	Robert S. Howland		
Filing Date	:	October 31, 2003		
Title	:	Multi Selective Axis Spinal Fixation System		
Group Art Unit	:	3733		
Examiner	:	Eduardo C. Robert		
Docket No.	:	703716.4001		
Customer No.	:	34313		

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.